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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1886.

Fast Day Proclamation.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

Every act of life we find the proofs of God's overruling the plans of men, and shaping destinies of states and nations for the advancement and happiness of the human family. Without recognition of his goodness and power in all our favors, the lives of men and the continuance of our government would prove abortive of all good. It is, therefore, that the people of this State, in humble acknowledgment of the well-known God in his dealings with his children, should at this season of the year, to accord with usages of New England which have established themselves in annual fast-days, turn aside from ordinary duties and pleasures, and in due duty, confess their dependence upon his strength for the blessings he has so bountifully showered. I do therefore appoint FRIDAY, THE DAY OF APRIL NEXT, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. May the people of this State, by their hearts and minds towards God as the state of all good, and untold improve for the souls of our sinners. Let us dedicate our lives in consecration to him, and earnestly supplicate for his divine favor and protection, as implore comfort for the afflicted, relief for distressed and hope for those who are oppressed and despair. Let us invoke the blessings of a personal standard of justice between our fellow-men, integrity and honor, a pure morality and a pure domestic life, and that the work of the day may be more zealous in the promotion of peace, benevolence and charity. To these and dried ends, I recommend that all our people on that day abstain from unnecessary labor, recreation, amusement, and assemble in their houses of worship and consecrate the day to such public and private services as may be best fitting their religious observance throughout the state.

Under my hand and the state seal at Hartford, this 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and of American Independence the one hundred and tenth.

SAMUEL E. PINGREE.

By the Governor: ALFRED E. WATSON, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

Overdue Subscriptions.

Subscribers who are owing for this paper a year or more will confer a favor by making early payment of their dues; and we would be pleased to have all others pay in advance or within a reasonable time.

Business Notices.

CAPITAL CAFE, South Main street, Montpelier, Vt., is the finest restaurant in the state. Open theatrical nights until twelve clock. Private tea-tables for ladies or gentlemen. C. W. Locklin, proprietor.

READ Webster's new advertisement.

ALL looking for carpets will find a large assortment at Howe & Wheatley's.

FARMERS should read the announcement of D. L. Fuller & Son on the eighth page.

GEORGE W. PARMENTER desires to sell or horses and two second-hand buggy.

TICKETS for the "Mikado" performance on Monday at the Phinney bookstore. A few good seats yet unsold.

The largest line of carpets ever shown in Vermont, and at lowest prices, can be seen at Howe & Wheatley's.

WARREN'S SAFE CO., 80, Hood's Sarsaparilla, 71c.; Alcock's Plasters, 10c.—bottom prices—at Bascom's Drug-store.

THE REV. H. A. SPENCER offers his pleasant house on Seminary Hill for sale. This a good chance for any one contemplating buying a home.

L. P. GLEASON & Co. have just received 600 yards of foulard cambric, best quality and new spring styles, which they offer at even cents per yard. Also fifty pieces of standard gingham at eight cents.

PRESERVE your eyesight. Neill, the Ophthalmic optician, is meeting with marked success in making corrections for old sight, near sight, far sight, etc. Nearly five hundred cases in fourteen weeks. Room 1, Opera-house block.

J. F. WATERMAN, Montpelier, Vt., general agent for Henry F. Miller, Kramlich & Bach and New England Pianos, Prescott, Worcester and other Organs. Organs sold on easy monthly payments for cash, or rent. Write for catalogue and prices.

H. S. BOARDMAN, M. D., successor to Dr. Brigham. Office at Hotel Kempton, opposite post-office. Residence at the Sidney Redfield house, State street. Office hours, eight to nine a. m., one to two and seven to eight p. m. Telephone at office and residence.

Do not forget to give Dr. Clark a call and get your teeth extracted by the new process, which is perfectly harmless. Ether and gas administered, if desired. Mrs. Clark will be in attendance, of whom people speak in the highest terms. All other kinds of dental work done in a satisfactory manner.

Why send away for flowers? Percival sells one dozen of extra-fine long-stemmed Carnations at forty-five cents, roses at eight cents each and other showy flowers cheap. An extra-fine lot of house-plants for sale cheap, to make room for spring bedding-plants. Elegant Hyacinths in full bloom. Violets, flowers and vegetable seeds for sale.

DR. HOMER C. BRIGHAM has located at the Marlborough, 354 West Fifty-eighth street, New York city, where he will continue the practice of medicine, making a specialty of female diseases and surgery. Accommodations provided for patients. Connected by telephone with all hotels and telephone stations. Ask for No. 689, Thirty-ninth street station.

A CARD OF APPRECIATION.—A person who has been greatly benefited desires to express her gratitude and appreciation of the skill and patience of Dr. Alfred Clark, dentist, of Montpelier. She is rejoicing now in a new set of teeth, which are a perfect fit and which have never given any trouble in wearing. She would recommend all who want good work patiently done, and not extravagant prices, to patronize him.

GEORGE A. AINSWORTH, Williamstown, Vt., invites calls or correspondence from any one wanting pianos, organs and the "White" sewing-machine, for which he has the exclusive agency in Barre, Brookfield, Chelsea and Williamstown. The "White" took the first premiums at the last state and Waterbury fairs. A Washington county lady, for years in the employ

Messrs. Jordan, Marsh & Co. of Boston at sewing, says she prefers the "White" sewing-machine before any other.

WANTED—AGENTS—Six general agents for counties in Vermont and one hundred seventy-five sub-agents for the fastest selling goods in the market. Old agents say it is the best thing they have ever seen. To introduce it where we have no agent we will, on receipt of fifty cents, send to any address, securely packed, one No. 2 Common Sense Boot Dryer. You can use it on any stove or in the sugar-camp. It is handled by merchants in over fifty towns in Vermont, and they all guarantee it to give perfect satisfaction. Compare it with other dryers, and then you will know which is the best; and if you want a good thing, write for terms to agents. W. E. Laird, Montpelier, Vt.

Montpelier and Vicinity.

MARLON TAPLIN of Boston was in town yesterday.

MR. O. M. TINKHAM of Pomfret made this office a call Monday.

MAJOR L. M. GROUT left yesterday for his future home in Plymouth, N. H.

THE Mission Band will meet with Mrs. Mason on Saturday afternoon at half-past two.

CAPTAIN C. T. SUMMERS has finished work in the furniture store of S. S. Towner & Son.

MISS MARY A. PHINNEY leaves for New York to-day to resume the study of vocal music.

MRS. F. H. BASCOM and children have been spending a few days with friends in Bethel.

JOHN W. PECK, plumber, has moved into his new quarters in Sabin's block, South Main street.

FRED L. BATCHELDER of Brattleboro has been visiting friends in this vicinity during the past week.

WHITTIER's market is undergoing repairs, and the painters have greatly improved its general appearance.

REV. HOWARD F. HILL intends to hold religious services at Whitesville on Sunday next at half-past two p. m.

GENERAL W. W. HENRY of Burlington and Hon. Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro were at the Pavilion Tuesday.

WILBUR LAWRENCE moved from one of the Aaron Bancroft houses on Berlin street into the Clayton house last week.

CHARLES HOWELL is tearing down and moving a barn from the corner of Elm and Court streets to his farm on Clay Hill.

THE Missionary Sewing Society of Christ church will meet every Friday at half-past one o'clock at the rectory chapel rooms.

P. G. DREWET will move his grocery store from Camp's block on Elm street into Charles E. Selinas' new block next week.

The clerkship in the Phinney bookstore left vacant by the resignation of George A. Knapp will be assumed by Huber Brewer.

The ladies of Bethany society are making preparation for an art exhibition and bag sale on Thursday, April 8th, at the chapel.

The old members of Capitol 5 Engine Company are requested to meet at Grand Army Hall this evening at half-past seven o'clock.

A SERVICE of sacred song is to be held in the Church of the Messiah next Sunday evening. All lovers of sacred music are invited.

THE Amity Club of Lyndonville were at the Pavilion Friday night for their annual banquet and ball. Blaisdell's orchestra furnished music.

There will be a sugar-party and entertainment in the vestry of the Baptist church Friday evening of this week. Everybody is invited to attend.

It is reported that the Salvation Army is coming to town. They have made an effort to rent the hall on Berlin street to hold meetings in.

THERE will be a meeting of the committee appointed for Christ church Easter sale at the rectory chapel rooms this afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

THE children of Christ church Sunday-school will meet for the practice of Easter carols this (Wednesday) evening at seven o'clock at Willard Holden's.

THE people of Montpelier and vicinity should not forget that T. DeWitt Talmage is to lecture here May 13th for the benefit of the Montpelier Public Library.

AND now when they talk of the next town representative they say that W. A. Stowell is among the possible candidates for nomination by the republicans of Montpelier.

THE dry-goods merchants will close their stores at six o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from April 1st to October 1st. They will also close on Fast day.

OWING to the storm the Apollo Club did not have a large house at Barre last week Tuesday evening, but they came out of the undertaking "whole" and made lots of friends in that place.

HARRY BLOODGOOD's "Happy Thought Company" was booked to appear at Capital Hall Friday evening, April 30th, in a new musical comedy entitled "Rose & Coe, a Curious Coincidence."

"PINAFORRE" will be presented at West Randolph Thursday evening, April 15th, by local talent, and H. D. Hopkins, Jr., has been engaged to sing the part of "Captain Corcoran" on that occasion.

DOG-OWNERS are reminded that after this month and until April 15th it will cost them \$2 each for licenses for the canines. To-day licenses may be obtained at \$1 each, but after April 15th none will be issued.

MRS. FANNY H., widow of the late Jonathan E. Wright and mother of Rev. J. Edward Wright, died suddenly at her home on lower State street yesterday afternoon at about half-past five o'clock.

MESSRS. L. P. GLEASON & Co. are negotiating for the purchase of the stock of L. W. Welch's furniture store. Mr. Welch proposes to devote his entire attention to his rapidly increasing patent folding-bed business.

IN the Washington county court, last week, no decision was given in the Sanders divorce case. In the divorce cases of Lizzie Patterson vs. James Burns and Ida Burns vs. James Burns, the petitions were granted. The court then took a recess until Tuesday, April 6th.

MR. AND MRS. J. S. SPAULDING and family of St. Albans have been in town this week visiting relatives. Mr. Spaulding has been

connected with the custom-house at St. Albans for some years, but leaves to-morrow with his family for Loyalton, Dakota, which will be his future home.

THE Windsor Journal, in speaking of the recent purchase of new uniforms for the cornet band, says: "It is proposed after the uniforms are received to give a grand concert, at which several prominent singers from Montpelier and Brattleboro and our best local talent will assist the band."

It is expected that a rehearsal will be held at the Golden Fleece the last of this week or the first of next, with a view to preparation for a musical festival to be held here this spring. Professor N. H. Thompson of Burlington is expected to conduct the rehearsal, of the date of which due notice will be given.

GEORGE A. KNAFF leaves his present position as clerk in the Phinney bookstore to accept a similar one in the hardware store of J. V. Brooks April 1st. Four years of previous experience in the same line of business will qualify him to fill his new position with credit to himself and profit to his employer.

"THE American House is closed for repairs. The building will be thoroughly renovated, equipped with steam heating apparatus by E. H. Randall of Concord, N. H., and newly furnished throughout. These improvements have been desirable for a long time and the characteristic enterprise of the new proprietors has brought them about.

LETTERS uncalled for at the Montpelier (Vt.) post-office March 27th, 1886:

Mrs. Mary D. Brown, H. C. Smith (2), Mrs. Arlie Hoyt, Harvey C. Smith, Mrs. J. H. H. H., James Connolly, Charles Vesper, William H. Morse, A. H. Young.

Parties applying for any of the above must say "advertised" and give the date.

GEORGE W. WING, Postmaster.

THE manager of the opera-house at St. Johnsbury was in town Monday evening to make arrangements with the Apollo Club to appear at that place about the 16th or 17th of April. He represented that the people of St. Johnsbury are anxious that the club may do so, and it is understood that the Apollo Club has decided to go if the services of the Montpelier Military Band can be secured for the occasion.

A PLEASANT event last Saturday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hale was the marriage by Rev. J. E. Wright of Fred, Emerson of Barre and Miss Florence Clark, eldest daughter of Mrs. Hale. About seventy-five of the friends and relatives of the young couple were present and left with them many substantial reminders of the event and good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson will reside in Barre, and be "at home" to their friends after April 1st.

MR. W. E. HARLOW, son of Marshall Harlow of Windsor, and Miss Addie A. Irish, daughter of E. M. Irish of this place, were united in marriage at the Montpelier House at ten o'clock Wednesday evening of last week, the ceremony being performed by J. Edward Wright and witnessed only by the bride's parents and Mr. A. M. Cheney and Miss Jane Kimball, who "stood up" with the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Harlow left at midnight for Florida and will be absent, we are informed, about two weeks.

DURING the recent public examination at the Union School one little fellow was asked the number of normal schools in Vermont, and promptly responded "Three." When asked where they are located, he replied with equal readiness: "At Windsor, Rutland and Barre." He is a cultivated child, and one sees what the boy had in mind. People in other states, who will be more excusable if they fail to do so, may be interested to learn that the state prison, the house of correction and the reform school are the only state institutions located at the places respectively named.

THE concert of the Harvard Quintet Club was well attended and very enjoyable. Miss Hunt, the soprano, has a good mezzo-soprano voice, which showed to the best advantage in Randegger's "Peacefully Slumber." The readings of Miss Nichols were among the pleasantest features of the evening and she was called back at every appearance. She is a cultivated reader and a pretty, unassuming little body, and she completely won the hearts of all who heard her. Mr. Stewart was received with favor both in his whistling solos and yodels, and the quartette was good. The library association receive about \$27 as their share of the proceeds of the entertainment.

THE history of Capitol Engine Company, No. 5, to which reference was recently made, is ready for delivery. The book is a well printed, neatly bound volume of seventy-seven pages, containing an interesting preface and introduction, a historical sketch of the company from the date of its organization, January 4, 1860, to January 4 of the present year. The book was presented to the firemen at a list of the various officers and a complete membership roll, giving the names and present residence of the four hundred and eighty-two persons who have been members of the company in alphabetical order, with the date when each became a member and the date of retirement. There are also many other notes of interest, and the little book will form a valuable keepsake.

THE literary entertainment at Bethany chapel, last week Wednesday evening, was not largely attended, but afforded a good deal of pleasure for those who were there. The readings by Mr. W. H. Hopkins were the important feature of the programme. Mr. Hopkins gave "How the old horse won the bet," "On the other train," "Brutus and Cassius," "In the Catacombs" and "Sandy Mc Donald's signal," and in harmony, dramatic and pathetic selections alike gave evidence of the possession of rare talent as an elocutionist. He has an excellent voice, under good control, a clear enunciation of what is required to make his selections most effective, and in nothing does he overdo. Mr. Briggs' piano solo and the songs by Miss Jane Kimball and Mr. B. M. Shepard contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

SOME two years ago there appeared in these columns an item announcing the then recent completion by Mr. William Glynn of a machine for cutting various kinds of candy, and a short description of the machine and its uses was given at that time. Mr. Glynn has since sold to the Sabin Manufacturing Company the right to make and sell the machines and receives a royalty. He has been employed to travel for the company and will represent them at the national convention of confectioners at Cincinnati in May, where he will exhibit one of the machines. His invention is so far in advance of any other machine ever contrived for similar use, is so nearly perfect in all its parts, performs its work so well and is so carefully guarded from imitation by patents, that it is destined to come into very general use in this country and elsewhere, and must eventually become a source of great profit to the inventor and the present owners.

IT is doubtful if any company—operatic, concert or theatrical—which has visited Montpelier has ever received, an equal number of days in advance, such assurance of a warm reception as that which is furnished by the Gilbert & Sullivan company by the enormous sale of tickets for their entertainment on Monday evening of next week. Seats were offered for sale at about nine o'clock Saturday morning last, and before

noon over three hundred twenty had been taken. At last accounts the sales had reached six hundred sixty-three, and there can be no doubt that every seat and every inch of standing room will be filled on the evening of the performance. A few good seats may still be obtained at the Phinney bookstore in Montpelier, but persons who desire them must order at once, for they are fast being taken. Orders by mail, telephone or telegraph will receive prompt attention, and the best will be saved for those who send their orders earliest. The company which will present the "Mikado" is composed of real artists and has too wide a reputation for excellence to need any word of commendation from us. The "Mikado" has had one hundred sixty consecutive performances at the Hollis Street Theatre in Boston, and all have been given before crowded houses. Every-night it has been the subject of the most enthusiastic applause, and everybody who can get inside the Opera-house probably will. For the information of those who will attend from out of town we would say that all the railroads will carry for half-fare.

Franklin Point, on the line of the Central Vermont railroad can return on the regular night trains, and special trains will be run to Barre, and as far as Marshfield on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, at the close of the performance.

SHORTLY after one o'clock last week Wednesday afternoon the members of the Apollo Club, nearly thirty men, came from their room in the post-office block and, preceded by the Montpelier Military Band of twelve pieces, marched to the Montpelier & Wells River railroad depot to meet the train for Wells River, where they were advertised to show that evening. Each member wore a "plug" hat, and the some-what noisy but orderly procession, with the strains of a heavy march by the band, drew a large number of spectators to front doors and windows on State and Main streets. An observation car had been sent to Montpelier by Superintendent Stowell for the use of the band and at his request, in spite of the cold, it was occupied and selections were given as the train passed through the stations along the line of the road. On arriving at Wells River the band played a quickstep and an air and at the station, and then the band and company paraded the streets of the village. They then returned to the observation car and were carried over to New Hampshire and down through the village of Woodsville. At five o'clock tea was served the company at the Parker House in that village and the fare was equal to that furnished by many of the hotels. After supper they went on to Wells River, and while the burnt cork was being applied to the minstrels the band gave a short concert in front of the school building. Long before eight o'clock the band had retired to their quarters, and the "special" arrived from Montpelier hardly a person could gain admittance. About one hundred fifty persons in all were turned away and many who were admitted were compelled to stand during the entire evening. The performance passed off better than any previous one by the club and the audience proved an appreciative one. The local his brought forth shouts of laughter. Even the company did his best to make the affair a success and it was. At the close of the show the company quietly returned to the train, and as soon as the baggage could be placed aboard they left for home. The affair was a credit to Montpelier and was a source of unalloyed enjoyment to the people of Wells River and vicinity, and notwithstanding the expense incurred, the Apollo club comes out of it richer, having \$200 and has added to its host of friends in Central Vermont.

Fifty years ago on March 17th Phillips Hill of East Montpelier and Elvira Dodge were united in marriage by Rev. George Putnam, the Methodist minister of Barre, and as the last few months of their half-century of married life were rounding out, their friends and members of their church, who had been making preparations to celebrate their golden wedding. The result was that the afternoon and evening of March 17th will be pleasantly remembered by many long after the venerable couple, in whose home the company gathered, will have joined the "silent majority."

MR. HILL was born and brought up on the farm where he now lives, and has always lived there, with the exception of a few years spent in Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are both hale and hearty, in their seventy-ninth and seventy-seventh years respectively. Eight children have been born to them, six of whom are still living, and all, with one exception, are now settled in the business world. They were "at home" with their parents on this occasion. They were S. W. Hill, East Montpelier, with whom the aged couple now reside; J. P. Hill, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. L. M. Hill, Barre, Vt.; J. H. Fisher, Haverhill, N. H.; Dr. M. W. Hill, Ackley, Iowa. All these children are an honor to their parents and hold positions of prominence and usefulness in the several communities where they live. The socially and business wise. They have buried one daughter, Mrs. J. F. Holmes, and one son, Henry H., who was first lieutenant of Company G, Fourth Vermont Regiment, and who fell in the service of his country. One brother of Mr. Hill is present, Samuel Hill of Waterville, N. Y., his first visit in thirty-eight years. Mr. Hill has been a life-long member of the Baptists, and his estimable wife of the Methodists. The guests were present in great numbers. The first wedding—Mrs. Sowles of Barre, N. B. Dodge of Berlin and Samuel Hill of Waterville, N. Y. Nineteen grandchildren are living, eight of whom were present. The afternoon supper was served and in the evening cake and coffee. A goodly delegation of the Baptists of Montpelier were present in the afternoon, and substantial tokens of their regard. After supper, Rev. E. D. Noyes, pastor of Montpelier, called the company to order and, after a brief but fervent prayer, presented them with a table laden with gifts, a list of which is given below. In the evening music was furnished by the young people. Letters of regret were read by Mrs. Horace Putnam. One of them, from Hosea and Paulina Heath of Hamburg, N. Y., was a gem that will be remembered long, and space forbids owing to its length. Also letters from Lewis Dodge and wife, Chicago, A. C. Dodge, Monroe, Wis., and Washington Hill, Monroe, Wis., contained gold coins, which were wisely kept as mementos and appropriate. The following telegram was also received:

HELENA, MONTANA, March 17, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Hill, East Montpelier—Accept the kindest wishes and congratulations of your golden wedding.

Among the presents was a hand-painted thermometer case and picture of himself from George W. Water, and a watch, in his eighty-third year, with the following original lines:

I send you my likeness, all wrinkled and gray, But you may think I am young as you pass. Pass over the stream, that dark, rolling river, Where I hope to find rest forever and ever.

Among the other presents were two elegant chairs—one for "father" and the other for "mother"—from the sons; a purse of gold coin (\$50) and silver (\$20) from numerous friends and relatives; pair of towels, Mrs. Sowles' apron, Mrs. Samuel Hill, cap, Mrs. J. H. Fisher, handkerchief, and a pair of socks from Mrs. W. D. Smith and Mrs. Ann W. Burroughs; gold-lined napkin-ring, Mrs. N. A. Cutler; elegant bouquet of flowers, Mrs. G. H. Guernsey and daughter, Montpelier; neck-stock, J. P. Hill; picture of herself and baby from Mrs. A. B. Leonard; the silver daughter; album, Daniel Hill, Waterville, N. Y.; thermometer, D. G. Hill, Dedham, Mass., and an elegant copy of "The Parables of Our Lord" from W. F. Hill, Dedham, Mass. Notwithstanding the very bad condition of the roads, two hundred persons were present during the afternoon and evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have always had the confidence and respect of their neighbors and of all who know them; have both been life-long and ardent Christians, and the company that crowded the old homestead to its fullest capacity delighted to honor them on this occasion.

Washington County.

Barre.

CLARK DAY died of pneumonia last Thursday morning, having been confined to his bed only about two days. He had recently sold his farm and was building at South Barre, living in the village with his son, William, from which place his funeral was held Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Strong, formerly of Berlin, and who recently purchased a residence here, died last Friday, pneumonia being the cause of her death. Her funeral was from her late residence on Sunday. Her daughter, living with her, is very sick with the same disease, we understand.

Charles Kenerson, Esquire, and E. C. Coburn, will go to work shortly for Wetmore & Morse.

Last Friday the selectmen moved the town safes from the clerk's office to the south room of the new hall block, where those having to do with town records may find Clerk Perry in attendance daily.

There is to be a sugar social at the Methodist Episcopal church this (Wednesday) evening. The ladies invite everybody and their friends to come and eat sugar.

John Corliss has moved from D. W. Mower's block to F. W. Lilley's house, South Main street.

FRIDAY evening, at the Methodist vestry, George W. Kennedy of Brattleboro delivered his lecture, "The Lions in the Way," to an audience that seemed to be much pleased and were often moved to laughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilder of St. Johnsbury made a short call in town last week. Mrs. Wilder was pleasantly remembered by Mary Stafford, formerly of this town.

There was a small fire in George Hill's old house at Gospel Village last Monday noon. It began in the stove, and the flames were extinguished with but slight damage.

There is to be a sugar social at the Universalist vestry next Friday evening.

GODDARD SEMINARY.

MISS STONE of Washington County Grammar School visited on Friday last.

Miss Kendall has nearly twenty students in instrumental music.

Professor Kent began his term in penmanship last week.

Mr. Drew treated the school to sugar on snow last Saturday.

Miss Jennie Lazelle of Plainfield is taking music lessons of Miss Kendall.

The senior class have elected the following officers: President, B. A. Flanders; vice-president, Alice Black; secretary, Martha Cabot; treasurer, Minnie Skinner.

Programme for Friday evening: Music, mixed quartet; inaugural address; piano solo, Miss Wellington; discussion.

Recreation at the State Normal school, increase her territory to an advantage.

BERLIN.

THE remains of two elderly ladies, Mrs. Leonard Lawrence and Mrs. Reuben Strong, formerly residents of this town, were brought here for interment last week.

The creamery has got a new send-off and is now considered a sure thing.

Elber House has gone to West Randolph to work in a grocery store.

Mrs. Clarence Gale of Michigan is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodbury.

A new minister is expected to preach here on trial in about a week.

It is hoped he will be acceptable, as the society has been without a pastor for several months.

Mrs. Charles Stebbins and the little one are at the old homestead in this place for a few weeks. Her home is in Chicopee, Mass.

CABOT.

THE entertainment given at the church at Lower Cabot, last Friday evening, by a class in elocution under the instruction of Miss L. Gertrude Wiswell, was a very pleasant affair.

The class numbered sixteen pupils, and studied their parts in the most perfect manner, showing that instruction had been most thorough and complete.

Miss Wiswell is becoming quite popular as a teacher in elocution and bids fair to reach a high and no distant goal.

Landlord Fifield of the Winslow Hotel made his debut as caterer to the public last Thursday evening by furnishing supper and entertainment to sixty couples, who sat down to tables bountifully loaded with all that the most delicate palate could desire.

All agreed that his most estimable helpmeet knew just how to make everything first-class. The music for the occasion was furnished by the local band, which fully sustained its reputation as being the leading band of the valley.

Charles Haines introduced his index finger on the left hand to the circular saw, last week, and the saw was so slow as to be almost useless.

E. F. Smith has a hen that laid last Thursday an egg nine inches long, seven and one-fourth inches in circumference and weighed four and one-half ounces. The singular specimen was sold to the Winslow Hotel.

Hattie, who was reported in last week's WATCHMAN as very ill, is convalescent.

The Good Templars realized \$15 from their sugar party given on the evening of Wednesday last.

Samuel Metcalf has bought Moses L. Haines' tenement-house at Lower Cabot, and Ed. Goodwin has rented the Patterson block and blacksmith shop in that village.

CALAIS.

ABOUT half the farmers have tapped their sugar-places. The best of hay is selling for \$10 per ton at the barn.

There is to be a lawsuit at the vestry at the Center of the town next Saturday. J. A. Hersey being the plaintiff and John A. Jones the defendant.

Oliver Ainsworth has moved on to the Calvin Nourse place, which he will carry on the present year.

The business of his wife presents Walter Clark from moving to his farm in Orange at present.

Harry Hawkins has taken the sugar-place on the Alvah Jennings farm on shares.

Robins have been in an appearance, and there is to be a comedy at the Center next Saturday, free to spectators.

Sugaring will be comparatively easy work this spring on account of the small amount of snow.

Mrs. Walter Smith will be at A. J. Mowbray's school.

Now is the time for school committees to hire teachers, when they can take their choice and get good ones.

NORTH MONTPELIER.

THE sugar-makers around here are very busy now-a-days in their sugar-places and report good runs of sap Saturday and Sunday, with prospects of rather more than an average crop.

There will be a dance at the East and North villages during the month of April, our pastor, Rev. Mr. Hayford, taking a vacation during the time.

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